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The Honorable Charles P. Rettig
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Commissioner Rettig:

Thank you for your prompt response to my letter dated February 7, 2020. I appreciate that you take seriously my concerns regarding servicemember outreach. I am also encouraged by the IRS's steps on that day to update its website to provide better information for our servicemembers, and your commitment to increase awareness of all services for our military members, veterans, and their families.

However, your response did not adequately answer the questions that I posed in my letter.

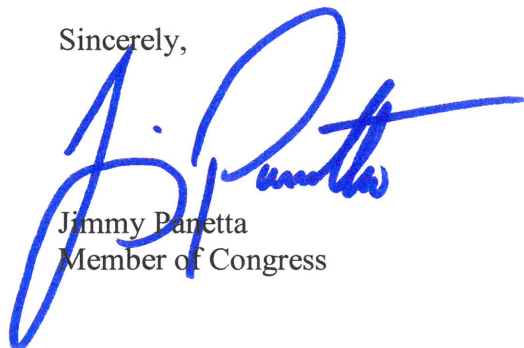
Your response noted that you have personally visited the Pentagon seeking additional Military VITA resources, a program that my letter acknowledged. Unfortunately, it did not provide an answer as to why the IRS has neglected to mention or highlight MilTax in public outreach, if the IRS has consulted with the Department of Defense (DOD) to promote MilTax, and what is preventing the IRS from doing so.

Once again, I request answers to these straightforward questions.

As a veteran myself, I am grateful for your family's service in our armed forces, and for the steps that the IRS has taken thus far to improve servicemember outreach. We must do all that we can to provide our men and women in uniform the most accurate and useful information available. Given the financial complexities military members are already facing due to their service, our goal should be to ease their burden during tax time.

If the IRS has reservations or concerns, legal or logistical, that have prevented the agency from promoting MilTax, I would like to be made aware of them and work together on a solution.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress